ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 31 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-30-12

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 20 to 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 22 in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District.

The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Friday, July 20** and will remain **open until further notice.**

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday**, July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22 in the Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak, Inner Kukak, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District.

There will be a <u>81-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday**, **July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Monday**, **July 23** in the following areas:

- The Northwest Kodiak District, (except the Kizhuyak Section will remain closed);
- The **Afognak District** (except the **Inner Kitoi**, **Outer Kitoi**, and **Izhut Bay sections** will remain closed and the Duck Bay Section will open until further notice);
- The Eastside Kodiak District:
- The **Northeast Kodiak Distric**; and,
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management

Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> extension to the commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the Alitak District:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18 to 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 20;
- The Moser Bay Section, from 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 20:
- The Alitak Bay Section, from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July18 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 20; and,
- The Cape Alitak Section from 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19 to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21.

The following area will remain **open until further notice**:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area;

Closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.